Amendment of the Official Languages Act, 1963

1596. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration to administer the Central Government offices located in various States in the language of the respective State, if so, by when this scheme is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): No, Sir.

Proposal for Amendment of the Illegal Migrant (Determination by Tribunal) Act, 1983

1597. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Assam has submitted proposal to the Central Government for amending the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunal) Act, 1983; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient features of the proposal are—

(1) that, each Tribunal should have only one member as against three members at present;

(2) that, in case of private complaints the provisions (a) requiring the applicant to be residing within 3 KMs from the place of residence of the person in relation to whom the application for being declared an illegal migrant is made, and (b) requiring payment of fee of Rs. 25/- with every complaint, should be deleted;

(3) that, in case where a question arises whether a person is an illegal migrant or not, the burden of proof should lie on such person; and

(4) that, the powers of revision vested in the High Court may be done away with.

Implementation of Assam Accord

1598. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the reasons for which volunteers of All Assam Students Union picketed the Central Government offices in Assam on September, 29th, 1986; and

(b) whether Government have given any assurance to them to implement the Assam accord in letter and spirit?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) On 29th September, 1986, the All Assam Students Union had undertaken picketing of the Central Government offices in Assam to demand, *inter alia*, immediate implementation of the Assam Accord, amendment of the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 and sealing of the Indo-Bangladesh border to check infiltration.

(b) The Government are committed to fulfil their obligations under the Assam Accord and are actively working towards this end.

Publication of Titles by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

1599. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of titles published by the Publication Division of